



## APPENDIX

Revenue Act of 1932, c. 209, 47 Stat. 169:

### SEC. 167. INCOME FOR BENEFIT OF GRANTOR.

(a) Where any part of the income of a trust—

(1) is, or in the discretion of the grantor or of any person not having a substantial adverse interest in the disposition of such part of the income may be, held or accumulated for future distribution to the grantor; or

(2) may, in the discretion of the grantor or of any person not having a substantial adverse interest in the disposition of such part of the income, be distributed to the grantor; \* \* \*

then such part of the income of the trust shall be included in computing the net income of the grantor.

(b) As used in this section, the term "in the discretion of the grantor" means "in the discretion of the grantor, either alone or in conjunction with any person not having a substantial adverse interest in the disposition of the part of the income in question".

The corresponding provisions of Section 167 of the Revenue Act of 1934, c. 277, 48 Stat. 680 (U. S. C., Title 26, Sec. 167), are the same as the foregoing.

Treasury Regulations 77, promulgated under the Revenue Act of 1932:

ART. 881. *Income of trusts taxable to grantor.*—In the case of certain trusts

which are in whole or in part subject to revocation by the grantor or by any person not having a substantial adverse interest, or which are for the benefit of the grantor, the income of the trust is to be included in computing the net income of the grantor. The income of such trusts must be so included, whether or not the trust was created before the enactment of the Revenue Act of 1932. \* \* \* The grantor shall include in his income the entire gross income of such part of the trust, and shall be entitled to such deductions with reference to such income as he would have been entitled to if the trust had not been created. \* \* \*

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As used in this article, the term "in the discretion of the grantor" means "in the discretion of the grantor, either alone or in conjunction with any person not having a substantial adverse interest in the disposition of the part of the income in question," and the term "substantial adverse interest" means "substantial interest in the trust adverse to the grantor."

Treasury Regulations 86, promulgated under the Revenue Act of 1924:

ART. 167-1 [as amended by T. D. 4759, 1937-2 Cum. Bull. 117, and T. D. 4860, 1938-2 Cum. Bull. 184]. *Trusts in the income of which the grantor retains an interest.* — (a) *Scope.* — Section 167 prescribes that the income, or any part of the income, of certain trusts shall be taxed to the grantor, not because the grantor has retained a certain interest in the *corpus* of the trust (as in section 166), but because of his retention of a certain interest in the *income*

of the trust. This article deals with the taxation of such income. The term "income," as used in this article, means any part or the whole of the income of the trust.

(b) *Test of taxability to the grantor.*—The test prescribed by the Act as to the sufficiency of the grantor's retained interest in the trust income, resulting in the taxation of such income to the grantor, is whether he has failed to divest himself, both permanently and definitely, of every right which might, by any possibility, enable him to have such income, at some time, distributed to him, either actually or constructively. Such a distribution to the grantor occurs within the meaning of section 167 if the income is paid to him or to another in obedience to his direction or if the income is applied in payment of premiums upon policies of insurance on the grantor's life.

For the purposes of this article, the sufficiency of the grantor's retained interest in the income is not affected by the fact that the grantor has provided that the right to so effect or direct the distribution of income is, or may at some future time be, vested in any person (either alone or in conjunction with the grantor) not having a substantial interest in the income adverse to the grantor.

If the grantor has retained any such interest in the income, such income is taxable to the grantor regardless of—

(1) whether it may be distributed currently or accumulated for future distribution;

(2) whether such distribution, either current or subject to accumulation, is fixed by the trust instrument or is dependent on an exercise of discretion;

(3) whether, if such distribution is in any way effected by or dependent on an exercise of discretion, the person exercising the discretion is the grantor or a person not having a substantial interest in the income adverse to the grantor, or both. A bare legal interest, such as that of a trustee, is never substantial and never adverse;

(4) the time or times of such distribution, whether within or without the taxable period, whether conditioned on the precedent giving of notice, or on the elapsing of an interval of time, or on the happening of a specified event, or otherwise;

(5) when the trust was created.

Thus the inclusion of any trust within the scope of section 167 is based on the fact that the grantor has retained an interest in the income therefrom by which he is, or may be enabled at some time, to receive its benefits. But the provisions of section 167 are not to be regarded as excluding from taxation to the grantor the income of other trusts, not specified therein, in which the grantor is, for the purposes of the Act, similarly regarded as remaining in substance the owner of the trust income. If, for example, trust income is applied in satisfaction of the grantor's legal obligation whether to pay a debt, to support dependents, to pay alimony, to furnish maintenance and support, or otherwise, such income is in all cases taxable to the grantor.

If the grantor strips himself permanently and definitively of every such interest retained by him, the income of the trust realized after such divesting takes effect is not taxable to the grantor but is taxable as provided in sections 161 and 162.

A person may have an interest that is both substantial and adverse to the grantor in the disposition of only part of the income. There is to be excluded in computing the net income of the grantor only that part of the trust income in the disposition of which such person has a substantial interest adverse to the grantor.

(c) *Income and deductions.*—If, as to any of the income, the test of taxability to the grantor is satisfied, such income shall be included in the gross income of the grantor, and he shall be allowed those deductions with respect to such income as he would have been entitled had such income been distributable currently to him.